

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method of dynamically configuring access to services (114, 130) between a remote communications node (104) and a remote communications device (106) includes determining if the remote communications node (104) is communicating with a distributed communications system (100). The remote communications node (104) is configured as a primary gateway (301, 401) if the remote communications node (104) is communicating with the distributed communications system (100) and configured as a secondary gateway (303, 403) if it is not. A remote communications device (106) is initialized and the remote communications node (104) and remote communications device (106) are dynamically configured to optimally access services (114, 130) in a serial configuration.